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BEGIN SUMMARY: LDCA SAID RECENT TRADE-RESTRICTIVE ACTIONS BY DCs VIOLATE PART 4 OF GATT AND LDCA SHOULD BE EXEMPTED. SEVERAL REGRETTED THAT STANDSTILL ON TRADE RESTRICTIONS NOT TAKEN UP IN GATT RATHER THAN OECD. COMMITTEE AGREED MTNS SHOULD BE FOCAL POINT FOR EXPANSION OF LDC EXPORTS. END SUMMARY

1. DURING JUNE 24-25 MEETING CTD, LDCA GENERALLY FOCUSED ATTENTION ON EXISTING GSP SCHEMES AS WELCOME BUT INADEQUATE AND MADE LITTLE DIRECT MENTION OF US IN ANY CONTEXT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AFTER EC, AUSTRALIA, JAPAN, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA

LAUDED OWN GSP SCHEMES, BRAZIL (WHICH TOOK LEADING ROLE THROUGHOUT MEETING) SAID DEVELOPED COUNTRIES BRAG ABOUT WHAT THEY ARE DOING FOR LDCS BUT IN FACT ARE DOING LITTLE. BRAZIL CONTRASTED WORDS WITH REALITY AND CITED CASE OF ITALIAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS. BRAZIL SAID LDCS NOT INTERESTED IN REMAINING LDCS BY SPECIALIZING IN HANDICRAFTS. MANY LDCS SAID RECENT RESTRICTIONS APPLIED BY DCS, OFTEN SPECIFYING ITALY, VIOLATED PART 4 OF GATT. EC SAID ITALIAN MEASURES ARE FOR COMPELLING REASONS WITHIN MEANING ART. 37. ARGENTIAN ALSO CITED INTENSIFICATION OF EC MEAT IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON JULY 1.

2. US (MILLER) EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT FINDING US ESCAPE CLAUSE ACTION ON BALL BEARINGS LISTED AMONG MATTERS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO LDCS AND DREW ON REFTEL B TO EXPLAIN ACTION, NOTING THAT ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF ONE PERCENT OF SHIPMENTS AFFECTED ARE FROM LDCS. MEXICO SAID THIS SMALL PERCENTAGE WAS EXAMPLE OF WHY MORE PREFERENCES SHOULD BE EXTENDED BY DCS, THAT IMPACT ON DC IMPORTS WOULD BE VERY LITTLE. EC SAID SUCH LOW PERCENTAGE WAS NOT ALWAYS TYPICAL.

3. BRAZIL SAID CTD SHOULD MEET MORE OFTEN AND SHOULD CONVENE BEFORE END 1974 SPECIFICALLY TO REVIEW ANY MEASURES TAKEN UNDER OECD STANDSTILL AGREEMENT AND THEIR EFFECTS ON LDCS. BRAZIL, ARGENTINA, MALAYSIA, OTHER LDCS REGRETTED STANDSTILL DECLARATION WAS AGREED OUTSIDE GATT. CANADA, EC, AND US SAID STEPS SUCH AS OECD STANDSTILL AND IMF C-20 PLEDGE DO NOT CONFLICT WITH GATT AND INDEED SUPPORT IT.

4. MANY LDCS SAID THEY AS A GROUP SHOULD BE EXEMPTED FROM NEW BOP-RELATED MEASURES. SUMMARY BY CHAIRMAN (TOMIC) CHARACTERIZED THIS AS "IT WAS SUGGESTED" FOR PURPOSES OF COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

5. BRAZIL SAID PART 4 NOT BEING APPLIED TO ART. 28 NEGOTIATIONS AND SAID SEVEN YEARS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE OWN REVISED TARIFF SETTLEMENT WAS PROOF. INDIA, INDO-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NESIA, AND OTHER LDCS SUPPORTED THEME. CHAIRMAN SAID THIS NOT FIRST TIME THIS RAISED IN GATT AND CPS "NO DOUBT WILL WISH REFLECT FURTHER".

6. SPAIN ALLUDED TO POSSIBILITY OF IMPOSING NEW RESTRICTIONS ON OWN TRADE OR PAYMENTS (GENEVA 4069).

7. BRAZIL PROPOSED, WITH MANY LDCS SUPPORTING, THAT

CTD ENDORSE LAST SENTENCE PARA 35 OF COM.TC/W/212 ON NEED TO AVOID IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS FROM LDCS AND EXPAND LDC EXPORTS VIA MTN. US SAID WE COULD SUPPORT THIS STATEMENT ON UNDERSTANDING THERE NO IMPLICATION OF DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT. EC MADE SIMILAR STATEMENT.

8. BRAZIL, PAKISTAN, CANADA SAID THEY HOPED MTN SUBGROUP 3(C) ON SECTORS WOULD BE ACTIVATED SOON. LDCS PRAISED GATT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON MTN BUT ASKED CLOSER GATT/UNCTAD COOPERATION. SWITZERLAND SAID CTD MEMBERS SHOULD NOT FEEL WORK OF CTD PREEMPTS WORK OF OTHER GATT COMMITTEES, EXPECIALLY MTN SUBGROUPS.

9. NEXT SESSION CTD PLANNED FOR SECOND HALF OCTOBER TO REVIEW FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE, PROGRESS IN MTN RELEVANT TO IMPLEMENTATION PART 4, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LDCS, AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH MTN.

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